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NIXON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTORS ---

Informed Washington sources have estimated that the Committee to Re-Elect the President, together with its finance committee and state committees, raised a total of over \$60 million, of which almost \$10 million is said to have been in cash. Why contributors would give sums of \$25,000 to \$100,000 in cash has not been explained but it is possible to draw one's own conclusions.

In setting up its records, the finance committee of the Committee to Re-elect the President divided up, on paper, the large contributions as though \$3,000 was given to each of a number of state committees so that the donor could avoid paying gift taxes. The General Accounting Office has already documented over \$2 million in cash with approximately \$8 million more known to have been received but not yet matched with the donors. It is also known that over half a million dollars at a time was kept in the committee's safe even though in the same building there was a bank in which the committee maintained an account, often running into millions of dollars.

Among the contributors were a number of international bankers:

David Rockefeller, head of Chase Manhattan Bank -- \$52,000

Gustave Levy of Goldman Sachs -- \$68,000

Henry Htelson, head of the C.I.T. conglomerate of banks and finance companies -- \$45,000

Andre Meyer, a senior partner in the Rothschild affiliated Lazard Freres -- \$23,500

Partners in Solomon Brothers -- \$91,000

John L. Loeb and his son of Loeb, Rhoads & Co. -- \$52,000. Loeb was indicted for disguising a \$48,000 contribution to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. He pleaded nolo contendere and was found guilty by District Court Judge John M. Cannella who fined him \$3,000 on a 3-count indictment on which he could have been imprisoned for three years. Loeb had fraudulently claimed that donations to Humphrey were made by a number of his employees when he had actually deposited the money for the donations to their accounts. It is understood that while the Federal investigation of the illegal contribution to Humphrey was pending, the Loeb's made a \$52,000 contribution to the Nixon campaign.

Arthur K. Watson, a top executive of I.B.M. which reportedly is negotiating a substantial contract with the Soviet Union -- \$300,000. He was a Nixon-appointed Ambassador to France. As a result of unfavorable publicity concerning his having been intoxicated on a trans-Atlantic airplane and allegedly "making passes" at stewardesses, he resigned his ambassadorship. To replace Watson, President Nixon appointed John M. Irwin 2nd, who just happens to be Arthur Watson's brother-in-law. John M. Irwin, now U.S. Ambassador to France, donated \$60,000 to the Nixon campaign.

While on the subject of ambassadors, Walter N. Annenberg, whom President Nixon appointed as U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, donated \$251,000 to the Nixon campaign. Annenberg is a multi-millionaire who was President of Triangle Publishing which controls the Philadelphia Enquirer, "Seventeen" magazine, T.V. Guide, Philadelphia Daily News, Morning Telegram, and radio and television stations. Annenberg is the son of Moses L. Annenberg whose publishing empire was built up on the gang wars of Chicago, murder, and illegal race wire services. The Ambassador's father was jailed for defrauding the U.S. Government of over \$3 million and the U.S. Ambassador himself was indicted for aiding and abetting although the indictment was later dropped.